

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 190

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rusty Staats of Watertown High School on his outstanding football career.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those student-athletes who, through their unwavering determination and athletic prowess, have distinguished themselves as true sportsmen of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic student-athlete is Rusty Staats of Watertown High School, who has demonstrated an exceptional level of skill on the football field; and

WHEREAS, the son of Don and Penny Staats, Rusty enjoyed a tremendous football career for the Watertown High School football team where he started at left tackle for the varsity squad at the age of thirteen after giving up basketball his freshman year; and

WHEREAS, a powerhouse on the offensive line, Mr. Staats' love of football saw him become a four-year starter at lineman for Watertown, where he proudly served as team captain during the 2015 and 2016 seasons; and

WHEREAS, his indomitable ability on the field earned him a number of awards and accolades during his high school career, including being named the 2015 and the 2016 2A Region 4 All Region Offensive Player, the 2016 Watertown Football MVP, the 2016 Wilson County All-County Lineman of the Year, a 2016 TWSA All-State Offensive Player, and the 2017 2A Region 4 Most Valuable Lineman; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 2016 preseason Academic All-State team, Mr. Staats was chosen to participate in the prestigious Toyota East-West All-Star Classic and was named a Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Semi-Finalist; and

WHEREAS, along with his many achievements on the football field, Rusty Staats will graduate this year from Watertown High School as a member of the Honor Roll with a 4.0 grade point average. He has been accepted into the Naval Academy Prep School and will later enter the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, with a full scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Rusty Staats evinces his devout religious faith as a member of Commerce Cumberland Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to applaud Rusty Staats for his many efforts and achievements, both on and off the football field, which serve as a stellar example of what the youth of Tennessee can achieve; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and applaud Rusty Staats on his many accomplishments as a high school football player, recognize his determination and innate talents, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.